(b) whether construction of brackish water tanks under Area Approach Development Programme is likely to continue with 50 per cent assistance from the Union Government;

(c) whether construction of prawn hatchery at Paradeep is likely to be completed during 1988-89;

(d) whether after development, the hatchery is likely to produce 50 million post-larvae prawn seed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERAION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. 50 per cent Central assistance is being provided during the Seventh Five Year Plan under the redesignated Centrally Sponsored Scheme—Integrated Brackish Water Fish Farm Development.

(c) to (e) Government of India have not sanctioned any Prawn Hatchery at Paradeep.

FCI Godowns in Orissa|Kerala

1128. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3184 given in Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1988 and state the name of places where F.C.I. godowns are proposed to be constructed in Orissa and Kerala and at what cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): The Food Corporation of India propose to construct godowns at the following centres in Orissa and Kerala at the approximate cost indicated below:—

State	Centre	Capacity (in tonnes)	Anticipated cost (Rs. in lakhs)
Orissa	1. Titlagarh	10,000	100.00
Kerala	1. Thikkodi	5,000	37.50
	2. Nileshwar	10,000	75.00
	3. Mavelikara	10,000	75.00
	4. Karungapalli	10,000	75.00

Welfare schemes for Agricultural Labour in Orissa

1129. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have made any additions in the welfare schemes for agricultural labour in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) if so, what ae the details thereof; and

(c) what financial assistance is proposed to be provided to the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Apart from the various existing labour laws applicable to agricultural labour and the package of anti-poverty programmes aimed at the poorest section of the community, of which agricultural labourers from the bulk, a Group Insurance Scheme for landless agricultural labourers has been launched by the Ministry of Finance w.e.f. 15th August, 1987. The Scheme is to be operated by Life Insurance Corporation of India in conjunction with the State/U.T. Governments and the entire premium cost will be borne by the Government of

India during the initial period of three years. In the event of death of the landless agricultural labourer his/her nominee will be eligible for the assured sum of Rs. 1,000/- which will be paid by LIC. In addition, the Department of Rural Development has announced a Group Life Insurance scheme for the beneficiaries of Integrated Rural Development Programme w.e.f. Ist April, 1988 and it is proposed to cover around 3 to 4 million IRDP beneficiaries every year. The scheme will provide Life Insurance cover for a period of 3 years initially and the sum assured will be Rs. 3,000/- with double the benefit in the case of accidental death. These laws, programmes, Schemes etc., are not confined to Orissa only.

(c) It is not possible to precisely estimate the financial assistance involved in the above programmes, schemes, etc.

Distribution of unirrigated land amongst the poor farmers

1130. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 70 per cent of farm land is unirrigated in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to distribute this un irrigated land amongst the poor farmers under the anti-poverty programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) About 70 per cent of the cultivated area in the country is unirrigated.

(b) Government of India is concerned with the monitering of the distribution of ceiling surplus land among the rural poor. As a result of the imposition of ceiling on agricultural land holdings, a total of 73.88 lakhs acres of land have been declared surplus out of which 44.32 lakhs acres have been distributed to 41.01 lakh beneficiaries so far as reported by the State Government.

Autonomy to ICAR

1131. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will tht Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institute demanded full autonomy like other scientific bodies like the Atomic Energy Commission and CSIR to augment functional achievements and for speedier transfer of technologies; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) (a) Before the High Level Review Committee headed by Dr. G.V.K. Rao former Member of the Planning Commission the Indian Council of Agricultural Research made various suggestions for grant of autonomy.

(b) The Report of the Review Committee is being examined.

Bungling in cattle camps in Rajasthan

1132. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about the large-scale bungling and mis-management in cattle camps in the handling of fodder by the voluntary organisations recently in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The State Government have received fourteen